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Dedicated to the Collection, Recording, and Preservation
of Tokens and Medals



When winter starts to disappear
And takes with it the snow,
Birds begin to sing their songs
and flowers start to grow.

The earth brings forth a message clear
As it bursts into lovely bloom,
Everywhere in valley or hill
We hear Spring's happy tune.

The sky is blue, the world lives,
'Tis blessed Eastertime,
A song of April fills our hearts
And echoes thru the hills sublime.

If all men were created equal,
how come some pay more income
tax than others?



The trouble with experience is
that by the time you have enough
of it, you're too old to use it.

How come the first bug to hit
a clean windshield ALWAYS lands
right in front of your eyes?

Maybe some people can't help
being crabby--but, at least,
they could stay home.





Let's get lucky!

APRIL 25th DRAWING

1. Kenilworth Merc. Co., G.F. 5¢.....
2. Wooden Nickel, Shannon, Ill. Centennial
3. SesquiCentennial Medal, 1820-1970
4. Elks Club, Provo, Ut. Exch. Value 10¢
5. MEXICAN GOLD TWO PESO PIECE

What's New?

Found anything interesting lately?

Many of our members enjoy metal detecting and frequently go alone. Others enjoy rummaging through boxes at the swap meet, or visiting all the yard sales on weekends.

Whatever you find of interest to a collector (of any sort) let us know about it. We realize that it may slip your mind between the day you found it and our regular meeting so we are going to try to have a regular column of "finds" in each issue. It will be written by Bruce Robinson so be sure to call him at 561-2392 and let him know what you've found.

Don't be bashful! Share your fun with your NUTS friends. Who knows what interesting items we might hear about!



DON'T FORGET !

Harry Campbell will be at the April 25th meeting prepared to make rubbings of any items you have located which are not already in his book, "Campbell's Tokens of Utah."

Bring your goodies and help add another link to the chain of history.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FUN ON AUGUST 22nd, THURSDAY, WHEN WE WILL MEET AT THE COPPERTON PARK FOR OUR ANNUAL PICNIC IN PLACE OF THE REGULAR AUGUST MEETING. PLAN TO BE THERE BY 6:30 P.M. AND WE WILL PLAN TO EAT BY 7:30. DETAILS WILL BE GIVEN LATER.



From

The



Head Nut

It's springtime in Utah at last. For the first time in eight years we had a LDS Conference weekend without rain! I don't know just what YOU did, but I couldn't wait to get out in the wilds!

I drove out over the old Pony Express route. (Incidentally if you don't know, this year marks the 125th anniversary of the Pony Express.) I started out at Fairfield and headed west. At each marker, I stopped and dug out my metal detector, hoping to find some relic of 125 years ago. My last stop along the trail was at Simpson Springs. There I did some detecting and stopped to talk with Bruce Robinson who had been there since the day before. Most of Sunday I spent exploring the nearby Simpson Mtns. Although my finds were small and not of much value, I could still feel the past as I rode along that trail.

Our first scheduled Club dig was on April 13th at Iosepa and now I'm getting ready for our second one day dig which will be May 4th at West Dip. See our Wagonmaster's Page for instructions.

Now, if you have a taste for Utah's past in a different way, our speaker for April 25th has an excellent way to satisfy that taste. Al Rust will be our speaker on that date. He is the author of a new book, "Mormon Coins and Currency". He is well-known in the numismatic community and is recognized as an authority on the subject of Mormon coins and scrip.

Al will also be bringing along some copies of his book in case you don't have one already and I'm sure he would be happy to autograph your copy. We feel that the timing of this speaker is particularly appropriate since he will be speaking to us during National Coin Week. (April 21-27).

While we are on the subject of coins, perhaps I should take a minute or two to talk about coin shows. The First Annual N.U.T.S. Salt Lake City Coin & Token Show is well on its way. As of the date of this writing (4/11) over half of the tables have been reserved by dealers and we have started receiving exhibit applications too so things are going well. We need YOUR help, however. We will be asking you to spend some extra time at the show greeting our guests at the Hospitality table and we also need your help right now to distribute flyers. These flyers are our best advertising for the show and we need them displayed in as many public places as possible. They will be available at every meeting until the show so please help with their distribution by taking some around.

We also have a major coin show coming up in February of 1986 since the American Numismatic Association has scheduled its midwinter convention here in Salt Lake City. As you probably know, our National Utah Token Society is a member of A.N.A. and we need to be ready to give this effort as much support as possible. NUTS member, Richard Blaylock, is the General Chairman for the ANA Midwinter Convention. This is a large undertaking and this area and the Utah clubs deserve the recognition this convention will bring. Richard is usually in attendance at all of our meetings so if you have time or talents that he might use, talk to Richard. He needs our support.

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FROM THE HEAD NUT...

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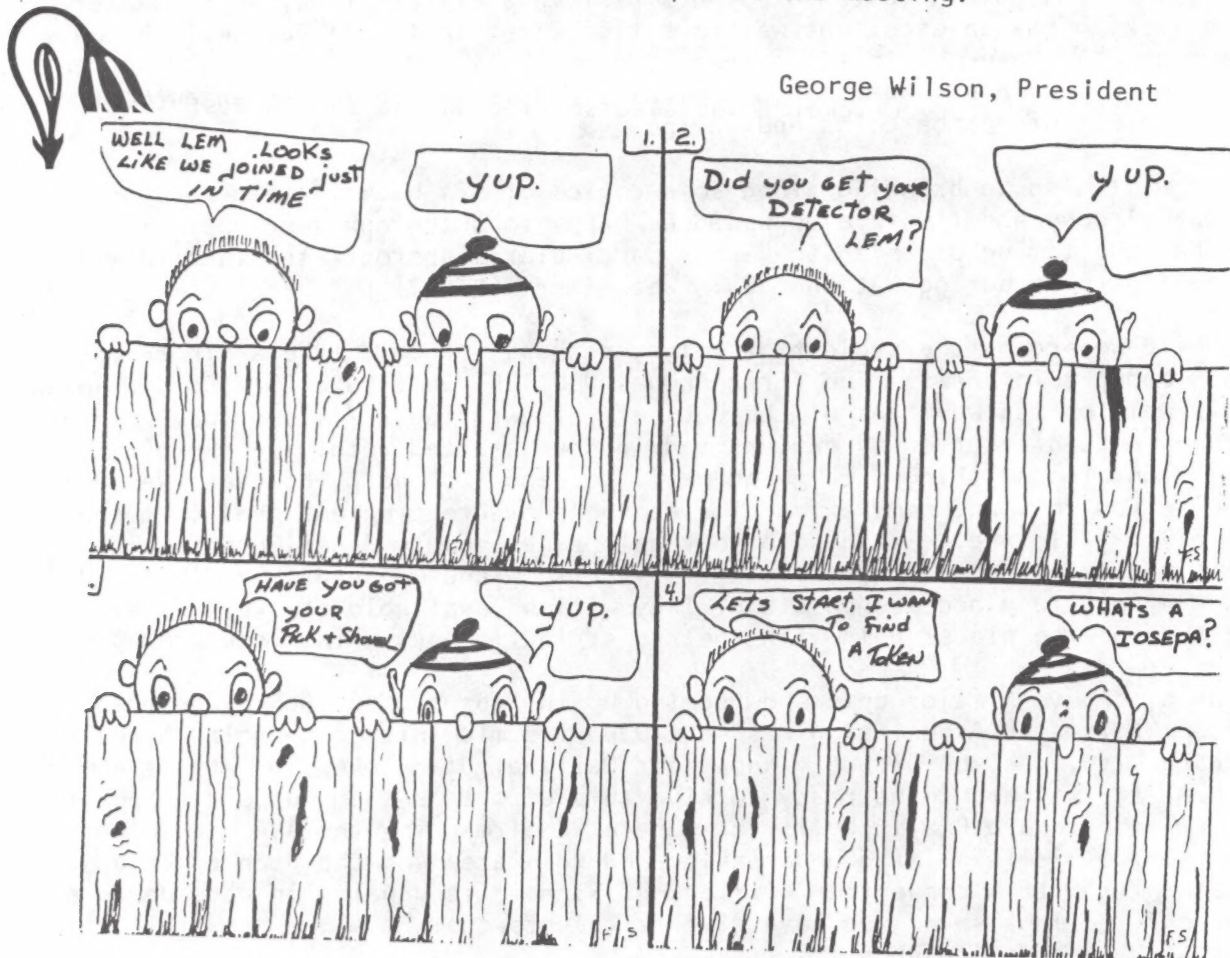
The design for our Medal was voted on last month. We had over 25 entries and the votes were scattered but there was a definite majority for the one which was No. 25. Hopefully we will be starting production shortly. However, because of increased production costs since we first discussed the medal last year, we have had to raise the cost of the medal to \$3.00 each (an increase of 50¢ over what we originally planned) and we MUST HAVE 100 PREPAID ORDERS before actual production can begin. You will find an order form in this month's Token Hunter so help us get this medal into production by filling in the order blank and make out your check soon. They can be mailed or brought to the April 25th meeting but we must have definite orders by then. I'm ordering three myself.

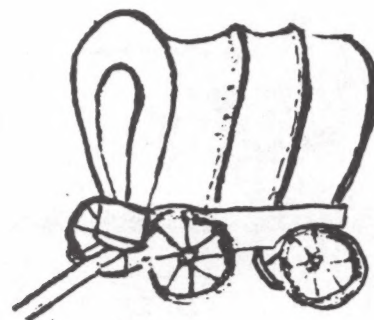
Last month's meeting was well attended with 48 people signing the roll. Bidding at the Auction was brisk; and afterwards several tokens changed hands as everyone seemed to have brought their traders. So if you missed the March meeting, you may have missed a bargain!

The May meeting will be another Bourse night. If you're not familiar with the term, "Bourse" means there will be no speaker or program as such. We will devote the evening to the buying, selling and trading of tokens, medals, etc.

One more thing, don't miss signing the roll as it goes around each month as we will be giving away a door prize at every meeting this year. So, mark April 25th on your calendar and I'll see you at the meeting.

George Wilson, President





West Dip (or West Mercur as it was sometimes called) was located east and north of U-73, one mile south of the mouth of Mercur Canyon on the west slope of the Oquirrh Range. It was settled in 1895 and was actually a fairly large town of mining buildings and many houses. Most shopping and after-hours activities were confined to Mercur but there was a schoolhouse and a church in West Dip.

Like its twin, the little camp of La Cigale located 1/2 mile south, West Dip had several promising mines but their veins proved to be shallow. The Daisy mill was built in 1898 and produced \$75,000 in gold that year. It was remodeled in 1910 with electrical machinery which caused it to yield better results but the mill was destroyed by fire in 1917 and never rebuilt. Nevertheless, as long as Mercur's ore held out, West Dip's future was secure because many miners preferred it to the high elevation of Mercur.

West Dip was also a rest stop for the freighters and travelers who stopped to rest their teams but after Mercur burned and was deserted, West Dip was also abandoned. Today black mine dumps mark its site and caved cellars and buried trash piles are searched by relic hunters looking for bits and pieces of its past.

La Cigale (French for "cricket") was also settled during the 1890's. There was a Cricket Mine at La Cigale but whether the camp was named for the mine or for the large number of Mormon crickets found there is unknown. Like West Dip, its mines were not rich enough to support it without Mercur and it died the same death. On the mountain front beyond its black waste dumps, there stands an ancient looking stone wall that is nearly the same color as the mountain itself and hard to see.

Our second Club outing for 1985 will be on May 4th to West Dip, Tooele Co. It will also be a one day trip. For those who want to join us on this outing, we will meet at the Redwood Multi-purpose Center at 8:15 A.M. and leave PROMPTLY at 8:30 A.M. We will drive south on Redwood Road all the way to the Cedar Fort turn-off. Turning right, follow the road through Cedar Fort and Fairfield around to the west side of the Oquirrh mountains to the Mercur turn-off. Turning right again, head towards Mercur for about one mile or so. From there another small dirt road takes off toward the north about 1 1/2 miles to West Dip. We hope to see you there.

Your Wagonmasters, Bryan Moulton & Ken Lambson

YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!!

Elsewhere in this issue is a coupon to be filled in if you wish to order one of the medals which we have been discussing for over six months. NOTE: The cost of \$3.00 each is the EXACT cost to the Club IF we sell 100 medals. If we do NOT get PREPAID ORDERS for 100, we will have to cancel our plans for this time and refund your money. If every member of the club buys one medal and a few buy more, we should have no problem. Do what you can--but remember, WE MUST HAVE YOUR ORDER BY APRIL 25th AT THE MEETING in order to get it produced before our Coin & Token Show.



* * THE MARKETPLACE * *

One or more of these box areas may be purchased for the Buy-Sell-Trade by Members or Non-Members. Cost is \$4.00 per box for 2 months. Send Ad and check by 10th of the month to 6143 Rainy Lane, Murray, Ut., 84107

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Only orders received prior to the Sept./Oct. publication date will be met. Limited issue!!

HARRY F. CAMPBELL
Box 151463, SLC 84115

*Rubbings, together with values and grades, are requested. I will be at the March & April meetings for this purpose.



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THOUGHTS... from the Nut Tree

During the founding of the Far West, Utah had many mining communities whose inhabitants came for that lucky strike, and left just as easily after the ore ran out.

These "Ghost Towns"--abandoned, deserted, forgotten and lost, died in different manners and for different reasons, mainly economic. Some died quickly, some slowly, or committed suicide, like Widdsoe, Utah which finally voted itself out of existence.

A comparative few have occasional flickers of life, "giving up the ghost", in the form of token coins, with reluctance. Some are so dead that not a church tower or chimney stack remains. Only the curious seek out their isolated areas in hope of reviving some dream of history, all but extinct! A few are revived with a new quest for gold but this is only temporary.

The golden years of these dead cities are causing a stir again through the interest and love of history, carried aloft on the face of tokens. The 20th century knew their sites, though seldom metropolitan; and curious ideas that grouped men and women such as we, will, in various multitude, cause these fingerprints of history to stand up as a monument.

My wife, Afton, and I wish you all "Peace and Joy" in the New Year.

...Harry F. Campbell

FIRST ANNUAL SALT LAKE CITY COIN & TOKEN SHOW

Things are moving right along with preparation for this first show to be sponsored by NUTS. One of our needs right now is for persons willing to take flyers for distribution to public places and/or businesses. Even if you only take a few to put up at your grocery store, it will help!

We also need to have a list of persons willing to "man" the hospitality & information table during the hours that the show is open. Shifts will be about two (2) hours and only require the ability to sit there and smile at people! Take a look at the chart that has been prepared and sign your name in whatever time slot is convenient.

PREPAID ORDER BLANK

NATIONAL UTAH TOKEN SOCIETY MEDAL

FIRST ANNUAL SALT LAKE CITY COIN & TOKEN SHOW

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DATE

I wish to purchase _____ medal(s) at the prepaid price of \$3.00 each for a total of \$ _____. I understand that my money will be returned if the number of medals ordered is insufficient for production at this time.

Name

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City, State

Zip Code

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